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Man Indicted for the Murder of Rapper Nipsey Hussle

A man has been indicted for fatally shooting rap artist Nipsey Hussle and wounding two others in South Los Angeles earlier this year, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

A grand jury returned the indictment against Eric Ronald Holder Jr. (dob 11/21/89) on May 9 for one count of murder, two counts each of attempted murder and assault with a firearm and one count of possession of a firearm by a felon. The indictment, which was unsealed today, also includes allegations that Holder personally used a handgun and caused great bodily injury and death.

Holder pleaded not guilty today to the charges and is scheduled to return for a pretrial hearing on June 18 in Department 100 of the Foltz Criminal Justice Center.

Deputy District Attorney John McKinney of the Major Crimes Division is prosecuting the case.

On March 31, Holder is accused of fatally shooting Ermias Asghedom, also known as Nipsey Hussle, outside the rapper's clothing store in South Los Angeles. Two other men also were wounded in the attack.

Holder fled the scene and was arrested two days later in Bellflower.

Bail was set at \$6.53 million. If convicted as charged, Holder faces a possible maximum sentence of life in state prison.

Case BA475908 remains under investigation by the Los Angeles Police Department.

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Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to protecting our community through the fair and ethical pursuit of justice and the safeguarding of crime victims' rights.